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SUBJECT: GENERAL TYRE

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1. CONGEN KARACHI HAS NOW LEARNED THAT GENERAL TYRE HAS RESOLVED ITS LABOR CRISIS AND IS APPARENTLY NO LONGER TRYING TO CLOSE ITS PAKISTAN OPERATIONS. AFTER CONSULTING REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR HEADQUARTERS, GENERAL DECIDED TO SEEK A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WITH THE UNION. ON APRIL 8, APPARENTLY AFTER SOME STERN PRODDING FROM A NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS JUDGE, THE TWO PARTIES SIGNED A CONTRACT UNDER WHICH GENERAL WORKERS WOULD RECEIVE THE EQUIVALENT OF FOUR MONTHS PAY, WHICH WOULD NOT BE ARTIFICIALLY CALLED A "BONUS." WE ARE TOLD THAT PRODUCTION IS NOW BACK UP TO 80 PERCENT OF CAPACITY.

2. WE GATHER THAT GENERAL'S LABOR PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY WORSE THAN THOSE OF OTHER EMPLOYERS. GENERAL HOPES THAT LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS WILL REMAIN REASONABLY SMOOTH FROM NOW ON.

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